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(Case Docket No. 22388)

Examiner: M. Allen

For: **METHOD FOR THE RECOMBINANT EXPRESSION OF AN N-TERMINAL  
FRAGMENT OF HEPATOCYTE GROWTH FACTOR**

**AMENDMENT WITH PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Nutley, New Jersey 07110  
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment and response are in response to the Office Action mailed June 26, 2008, in connection with the above-identified application. Applicants respectfully request a three (3) month extension of time. With the extension of time, this Amendment is timely filed.

In response to the Office Action mailed June 26, 2008, Claims 1-4 stand pending. Please amend Claims 1-4 and please add new claims 5-6 as reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Accordingly, please amend the above-identified application as follows: